



"And when the day of Pentecost was fully come they were all with one accord in one place." Acts 2:1. "And they were all filled with the Holy Ghost and began to speak with other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance." Acts 2:4.

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## True and False Religions

*Highlights from a sermon delivered at the Alabama state convention by*

**BROTHER J. B. ELLIS**

**T**HREE has been a battle between true and false religions from the days of Cain and Abel until this present time, and will continue to the end of the age.

We will briefly notice a few pagan religions such as Brahmanism, Mohammedism, and Hinduism. These forms of religion all seek to correct inward conditions by conforming to outward principles. Take the Hindu, who seeks to appease the wrath he feels hanging over his soul. He begins from the extremity of his kingdom to perform a series of performances that will appease the wrath of the one he feels he has somehow grieved. He proceeds by stretching himself on the ground from toe to finger tips, making a mark and proceeding in the same way until he has gone over the entire territory of his kingdom until he has reached what he thinks to be the Holy Ganges River. By this long process he hopes to become holy in heart and have the favor of God on his soul. Finding no relief he often proceeds to another extreme in his religious career to find relief. He takes his child and throws it into the Ganges to appease the wrath of his god. Feeling no better he proceeds to torture his body by lying on iron spikes for months and years, in order to please his god. Often he goes to the desperate extreme, throwing his body from the walls of a room with hooks hanging from ropes provided for further torture, and often ends his



career in death, none of which bring peace to his troubled soul.

All forms of religion that seek to rectify inward conditions by conforming to such outward forms fail to bring satisfaction to the heart. This is true of all pagan and false religions. That which differentiates the Christian, or true religion, from false or pagan religions, is that the work is begun on the inside of the heart by radical inward changes of the heart which produces changes in the life and brings peace to the soul.

Another form of false religion is a claim of true religion that operates on the same project as pagan religion, and

which seeks to satisfy the demand of the soul by conforming to outward performances. This, we will notice in the history of true religion from the days of Cain and Abel all down through Christian history until this day, and will continue so until the end of the age. The conflict of true religion is not a battle against the world, but against formal religion.

We will begin with Cain and Abel, the boys of the first happy family. We see them starting out in life having had the same religious training in their home. Each built an altar evidently after the order of their parents' worship. Each made a sacrifice. Each called upon the same God for acceptance. One went down in failure and the other was a glorious success. The final climax of the whole affair resulted in the death of righteous Abel at the hands of his brother and thus the battle started between true and false religion.

In the case of Abraham and Lot we find the same condition prevailing. Abraham, finding he could not proceed farther with his nephew, suggested a separation. He demonstrated his faith and confidence in God to guide, protect, and provide for him by giving Lot the privilege of taking his choice of the country in which they were to travel. When Lot saw that the plain country would be more profitable to him financially, he allowed it to influence him in his choice. Seeing that the plain was a fertile country he chose it as his possession and pitched his tent toward Sodom. He soon found himself in the heart of the city with an almost ruined family, and a vexed soul. His career ended in awful disaster, while Abraham dwelled in the mountains under the

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## NOTICES

"To stir you up by putting you in remembrance," 2 Peter 1:13.

We started a revival at our church at North Cove, Peppers Creek Church of God, the first Sunday in November. We want all who will to come and help us out, and pray that we will have a great revival and that God will save souls who will stand true to the end. We have a good pastor, Brother Walter Raffield. We thank God for him and believe he is a man of God. Pray for us.—Sister Mary L. Lowery, Altapass, N. C.

The Church of God at Hobbs, N. Mex. will be on the air over station WKEW, Hobbs, N. Mex., each Sunday morning from 9:30-10:00 a. m. H. E. Ramsey evangelistic party in charge.

To whom it may concern: My new address is Lepanto, Ark., Box 414.—W. C. Howard.

To whom it may concern: If anyone wishes to correspond with me, my new address is Park St., Abingdon, Va.—Jesse R. Burkett.

I am open for calls now. My name is Joel David Green. I am better known as "Little David." I am twenty years old, single, and play a piano. I belong to the Church of God at Brunswick, Ga. My address is now 2634 Edison Ave., Jacksonville, Fla. Pray for me.—David Green.

Yes, the church here was on the air every morning during the week after we returned from the Assembly. We expect to be on the air again soon, therefore, we are in need of a young man who knows music to direct the choir. We have a church with nearly one hundred members. This is a good opportunity for a young man who wants to enter the ministry. Write at once and give details as to your age, education, musical training, etc., and your financial requirements. If Brother Tulane Mooneyham of Shawnee, Okla. sees this announcement, please write me at once.—Bun E. Hicks, pastor, Box 896, Beckley, W. Va.

We are now in a revival at the Church of God in Corbin, Ky. God is blessing in a splendid way. There is a fine band of saints in the Church of God here in Corbin who love the old time gospel and the old time power. Please pray for us that we will go over the top for God and His Church here in Corbin this year.—Ivan R. Stone, pastor, 104 6th St., Corbin, Ky.

The Virginia ministers' meeting will convene at Pulaski, Va., beginning Wed-

nesday night, Nov. 15, and continuing through the 16th. Brother R. P. Johnson, Assistant General Overseer, will be with us. All Virginia ministers be sure to attend, if possible.—W. E. Johnson, overseer of Virginia.

To whom it may concern: Our address for this Assembly year will be Box 111, Bolton, Ga.—The LeFevre Trio.

To whom it may concern: I have been in the Church only since April, coming from the Nazarene movement. I have married since the Assembly and have a real helper in the work. We are open for calls in the evangelistic field in Georgia. We can play and sing together or solo work and preach. We are expecting the ministers of Georgia to cooperate with us. Others are invited to write.—Reuben E. Tucker and wife, 196 12th St., N. E., Atlanta, Ga.

To my many good friends in Alabama, this is to let you know my address and how the Lord is blessing us in Richmond, Ky. Anyone desiring to write to us, our address is Box 198, Richmond, Ky. Pray for us that the Lord will bless our efforts here this year.—A. W. Mills.

My address has been changed from Davis, W. Va. to Eckman, W. Va.—R. L. Rexrode.

There will be a home-coming at the Church of God at Warrenton, N. C. Everybody is welcome. Come and bring all your music and a well-filled basket. Come praying.—E. E. Hurst, pastor, Warrenton, N. C.

Our preachers' meeting will convene Nov. 23, 24 at Hobbs, N. Mex. Our address is Box 564, Hobbs, N. Mex.—H. E. Ramsey.

My address this year will be Crab Orchard, Tenn.—Ed. Johnson.

I have changed my address from care of Stanley Joplin to Box 23, Benton, Ill.—H. O. Harris, overseer of Illinois.

We have just started a revival at Hazard, Ky. Please pray for our success. I am in the evangelistic work this year and am ready for calls. We need your prayers for Sister Plake to be healed, as I will be away from home most of the time this year.—O. J. Plake, Eli, Ky.

To those who may want to write me, my address is 1412 Eldorado St., Eldorado, Ill.—C. H. Standifer.

To whom it may concern: My address is changed from Dixiana, Ala. to 6830

2nd Ave., S., Birmingham, Ala.—Z. D. Simpson.

My address for this Assembly year is Moorhead, Miss., Gen. Del.—C. W. Kendall.

To the North Dakota Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendents: Some of you are out of report cards and this is delaying your reports. As soon as I receive a new supply, for which I have written, I will send them right out to you.

We wish to give special attention to the Lighted Pathway this year, so, every Y. P. E., get busy and sell as many as you can. It is one of the best young people's papers in the country today. The Lord willing, I hope to visit your church as soon as possible and outline the program for the coming year.—J. Andrew Rafferty, North Carolina State S. S. and Y. P. E. superintendent.

My address has been changed from Switchback, W. Va. to 505 19th St., Parkersburg, W. Va.—A. T. Little.

I take this method to let our many precious friends everywhere know our home address for the present is Hudson, Fla., Gen. Del. We are open for calls as we are in the evangelistic work this year. I have my car equipped with loud speakers. We are in the best shape to evangelize this year we have ever been. I have a young brother in Christ to travel with me. He is a good, consecrated worker. He plays the piano and guitar. We will consider calls anywhere. If there is anyone living where there are just a few saints and no church, but you would like help, write us and we will pray over it. The Lord may direct us to go help you. God may help us to do you much good. We would like to hear from our many friends. Pray that God will give us a good year.—Evangelist J. C. Cox, Gen. Del., Hudson, Fla.

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from Wake Forest, N. C. to Rt. 1, Steeds, N. C.—Austin Hewett.

My address is Rt. 1, Edgewood Grove, Somerset, Pa. My phone number is 332. To those wishing to write me, please address as above.—Paul H. Walker, overseer of N. Y., Conn., N. J. and Penn.

To whom it may concern: My address has been changed from 309 N. Broad St., Wichita Falls, Tex. to Box 104, Big Spring, Tex.—W. W. Smethers.

Dear Evangel readers and to whom it may concern: As I am appointed as one of the committee of revival work, we want a state-wide revival in Kentucky this year. Let us begin praying to that (Continued on page 15)

# Did God Name His Church?

BY J. ANDREW RAFFERTY

In this little discourse I intend to go into the subject from a common-sense and Biblical standpoint. In our days we find hundreds of names given to different churches. So many tell us that it is not important what name a church has, just so people live right is all that counts. Yes, you would think that God had really forgotten to name His Church, but He has not.

2 Tim. 3:16, "All doctrine is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."

If we believe this scripture (and the Lord have mercy on us if we don't), then we must accept the truth it teaches. I like the word "all." It is an inclusive word and it says that the scripture I am going to bring to your remembrance is inspired by God.

The name was given by the mouth of God and in it God is honored. As far as I am able to understand the Word of God on this important subject, He did not bring into existence an institution. Matt. 16:18. (Notice Jesus said, My Church! He and the Father are one, John 17:22. Therefore it is God's Church, He (Jesus) is building.) Jesus prayed in John 17:6 and John 17:11, 12 that His children should be kept in His name. But let us go to the scripture and find out what its name is.

Yes, Jesus has purchased the Church of God with His own blood and therefore we find it named in Acts 20:28, Church of God; 1 Cor. 1:2, Church of God; 2 Cor. 1:1, Church of God; 1 Cor. 10:32, Church of God; 1 Cor. 11:16, Church of God; 1 Cor. 11:22, Church of God; 1 Cor. 15:9, Church of God; Gal. 1:13, Church of God; 1 Thess. 2:14, Churches of God; 2 Thess. 1:4, Churches of God; 1 Tim. 3:5, Church of God; 1 Tim. 3:15, Church of the living God.

This name was used as the name of the literal congregation in various geographical locations. Where the words, Church of God, are used it means the same Church of God in different locations or

cities. It is not called the Church of God in an indifferent or arbitrary sense. There is a reason for calling it the Church of God. That reason was and simply is this, it is the Church of God, therefore, it is only called what it really is. It is the Church of God. The name honors God and shows whose Church it is.

One thing particularly noticeable about the name given in the scriptures for the Church is that we do not find the names given of well-known organizations. Of course, each of them claim to be the Church of God. If they are the Church of God, then why not admit the name? What is the necessity of an additional name? No other name was necessary in the Bible. And most of them admit that the Bible is inspired by God and that we must believe it if we wish to make our home in heaven. They also say they will accept it from cover to cover. Well, here is a little gold that is contained within the covers of the Bible. 1 John 1:7, "If we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."

Now since I have referred to so many scriptures in which the Church of God is named, and as I see it, some other good thoughts, and have also presented a sound argument in answer to the question, did God name His Church? men and women who read this ought to accept the light. Some people think that when we speak of light God is going to flash a great ball of light in front of their faces. Light only comes by acceptance of the guide, John 16:13, and through your study of the Word, 2 Tim. 2:15. This coupled with your willingness to do the Word, James 1:22, and not just hear or read, will result in knowledge of the doctrine, John 7:17. And finally, praise the name of the Lord, we come to the realization that we have accepted the whole truth, even the Bible name God gave to His precious Church. Maybe the name doesn't impress some people, but praise God, it impresses me.

## About Jesus the Son of God

BY MATTIE POPE MURRAY

Four great and wonderful events in the life of Jesus and the fifth event to soon take place. Bless His name!

In Isaiah we read where a promise was made to us about a Savior, one that would be born of the Virgin Mary. He would have power to save us from our sins. We also read in Matt. 1:21-23 more about this Jesus, this wonderful personage, how

He was born of the Virgin Mary in this world. We read further in Matthew and other scriptures about Jesus and this great event—His birth—and what a great and wonderful thing it was for this poor world that was lost in sin and darkness to have a Savior born in this world to save us. This was the greatest and most wonderful thing that had ever

been known to this world up to that time. Such a wonderful Savior indeed—such a wonderful occasion or event—such a wonderful birth! Bless His great name! Much more could be said about this great birth and event, but there are more great and wonderful events in the life of Jesus that we love and worship so much.

The next great and wonderful occasion that came in the life of Jesus was His death on the cross. This event was a very sad one, but still it means so much to us for Him to have suffered and died, for that experience in His life brought His blood in reach of us that we might be sanctified and get an experience of holiness in our hearts and lives. We read of His death and suffering in St. John 19. He was scourged and crucified for the whole world. Such wonderful love that He had for us! Bless His wonderful name!

Now the third great event or occasion was when He was resurrected by the power of God and came out of the grave with victory over the grave, death and hell. Oh, how happy and glad we should be of this great event in His life. By His going through this experience it will cause us, if we live for Him, to have such an experience, that is, if we die in the Lord, that we can some sweet day come forth from the grave with victory and power over death and hell. We can come forth at the first resurrection. Read Rev. 20:6. So much could be written on this great subject and occasion in the life of Jesus, our blessed Lord.

The fourth occasion and experience in His life was the ascension. Read Acts 1. This chapter tells us how He left this old world and went back to heaven. By Jesus' leaving this old world and going back home to heaven brings about the great and wonderful experience and promise of the sweet Holy Ghost.

It was so needful that He should have all four of these experiences in His life. It means everything to us. Without these experiences in His life we would be left out. We could never have enjoyed this wonderful salvation, joy, gladness and victory in our hearts and power to overcome the world and fit and prepare us for the next greatest experience and occasion that will ever come to our life, the splitting of the skies and the second coming of Jesus back to this old world to catch us away. Oh hallelujah! Read Acts 1:1. It's great, it's great!

Now this last and wonderful event hasn't taken place yet, but praise God we are looking for it just any time. I know it will be wonderful to be ready and prepared for this next great event. It's the next greatest and most wonderful occasion that this old world will witness and it's so soon to take place, according to the (Continued on page 15)

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## Editorially Speaking

**Believers and Signs** According to Mark 16:17, "Signs shall follow them that believe." In the order of common events succeeding one's conversion, there are those things which will manifest the experience which has been received. As one continues to walk in faith those things which the Master predicted would follow in his life will follow. But Christianity is not of manifestations, neither is pure and undefiled religion of signs. In so placing it one is placing "the cart before the horse." Manifestations are rather of the Christian life, and signs are to follow believers. However, in no place in the Scriptures has Christ or His holy apostles taught that believers were to follow signs.

The spirit of showmanship is not the Spirit of Christ. The Spirit of Christ is the spirit of wisdom, a wisdom that is from above. Earthly wisdom may be egotistic and promote showmanship, "But the wisdom which is from above is first pure, then peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated, full of mercy and good fruits, without partiality, and without hypocrisy," James 3:17. The spirit and policy of the modern "snake handling" movement possesses none of these qualities but boasts and lives upon a spirit of showmanship.

A request for prayer by a very much discouraged saint was recently laid on the Editor's desk. The discouragement, it was stated in the testimony, was due to the fact that she had not spoken in tongues for three weeks. It is indeed comforting and consoling to know that the Spirit of God is speaking through lips of clay and we are also positive that the Word of God clearly teaches that speaking in tongues is the initial evidence that the Holy Ghost has moved into one's life, but tongues is only the evidence of His coming and is not the Spirit Himself. We, therefore, conclude that in the time of temptation and trials and when there is no outspoken and outward show of religion, we may possess that sweet and calm Spirit of Christ, and if we have not sinned, simply and humbly rest upon the precious promises of the Word of God.

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**Education** Education is America's "Biggest Business." According to the *Path-finder*, "The total annual pay to

teachers and administrative officers in America's public elementary and secondary schools is \$1,146,460,400, far greater than that of any two great business corporations combined." We are further told that, "In addition to these figures \*\*\*that the total value of America's public educational plant (covering only capital invested in buildings and equipment) is more than six and one-half billion dollars. Moreover, the value of property and endowments of private schools, colleges, universities and professional schools totals more than twelve billion dollars. Thus our nation raises by taxation and otherwise an unbelievable sum to carry on the great task of giving to those of our nation a literary education.

I once heard a man say that Christianity and education did not mix. However, I am positive that observation as well as a knowledge of the history of Christianity will show quite the contrary.

Jesus taught by example the need of religious education, when He chose those who were to become the foundation characters in building the Church of God, and gave them three years of theological training before He sent them forth to preach the everlasting gospel. Indeed some of them were ignorant, unlearned fishermen when He chose them, but when the Christ had finished with them, they had acquired sufficient knowledge that He could say unto them, "But the Comforter\*\*\*shall\*\*\* bring all things to your remembrance, whatsoever I have said unto you."

Well might the Church of God have observed education week. Her progress from the first term January 1, 1918, with a class of six, to the present time with the beautiful panorama of buildings at Sevierville in the foothills of the Smoky Mountains has indeed been great. But our progress in education should be as great in proportion, and even greater than any other institution on the earth.

Twenty years ago, John Edward Brown, then forty years old, turned from work as an evangelist in the Methodist Episcopal church to launch a new kind of college. He was convinced that the majority of students in the colleges were educated for white collar professions such as law, the ministry, medicine, etc., when only fifteen per cent of them would fit into or could be absorbed by those professions. Accordingly he founded a vocational education school. After twenty years of operation, his school has grown until today it has its own garage, electric shop, machine shop, irrigated gardens, publishing house, bank, Jersey herd, and a 5000-watt radio station. Value of the school's assets are between three and four million dollars. The student body numbers 500, and about 5,000 prospective students are turned away each year.

What John Brown is doing in vocational training, the Church can do in real religious and ministerial training so that the Church of God may take her rightful place under the sun. Dr. Brown boasts that every graduate of his school for the past four years has stepped immediately into a job. There is always a place for the real Church of God minister. The religious field may be crowded, but there is certainly an open field for Christianity, and for the doctrine of holiness.

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**Knowledge** In order for one to obtain knowledge there must be a thirst of desire for knowledge. We may learn some things by accident, but the deep and hidden truths of God are learned by (Continued on page 15)

### OUR PETITION

FATHER, whate'er of earthly bliss  
Thy sovereign will denies,  
Accepted at thy throne of grace,  
Let this petition rise:  
  
Give me a calm and thankful heart,  
From every murmur free,  
The blessings of thy love impart,  
And help me live to thee.  
  
Let the sweet hope that thou art mine  
My life and death attend;  
Thy presence through my journey shine  
And crown my journey's end.

—Anne Steele

## NOTES

### From My Letters

J. H. Walker, General Overseer

Woodruff, South Carolina, takes third place in sending in aged ministers' quota for this next Assembly year, Brother Robert J. Johnson, pastor.

Thank you, Brother Johnson. May the Lord bless and help you in your work.

### Rules for Awarding the National Sunday School Banner

We offer this ten-point contest which is as follows:

1. Largest attendance according to church membership.
2. Largest gain in attendance over last year.
3. Greatest number of Sunday Schools according to the number of churches.
4. Greatest number of Sunday Schools organized this year.
5. Largest amount of offerings for orphans according to the Sunday School attendance.
6. Highest percentage of faithfulness in monthly reporting to state superintendent.
7. Largest percentage of district conventions.
8. Largest percentage of teachers taking or having taken a teacher training course.
9. Highest percentage of Sunday Schools having superintendent and teachers' meetings at least twice a month.
10. Largest percentage of superintendents and teachers attending district conventions.

### Rules for Awarding National Young People's Endeavor Banner

I have discussed with a number of our brethren the rules relative to the contest, Brother R. P. Johnson has also helped me considerably in this matter, and we have formulated the rules which, in our opinion, will be fair to all the states. We appreciate also the suggestions and assistance of others in this matter, and trust that this contest will be the greatest and best we have ever had.

We offer this eight-point contest, which is as follows:

1. Largest average Young People's Endeavor attendance in proportion to church membership.
2. Largest gain in attendance over the previous year.
3. Greatest number of Young People's Endeavors organized this Assembly year.
4. Largest number of Young People's Endeavors according to the number of churches.
5. Largest circulation of Lighted Path-

ways in state in proportion to church membership.

6. Largest Lighted Pathway circulation.
7. Highest percentage of prompt monthly reporting to state superintendent.
8. Highest percentage of district conventions.

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### YEARS AGO THIS WEEK

The Evangel was the Assembly number for the 14th Annual Assembly.

#### Going This Way

Part of Overseer's address: "Why is it that so many people are going this way? It is very readily answered. It is because this is the Church of God and the fulfillment of prophecy. The people have been watching for this like the wise men of the East were watching for the star of Bethlehem, so as soon as it was presented they were ready to accept and walk in it."

Part of report by C. Sowell, Jennings, Fla.: "The Lord's collection for the orphan's home and Assembly building was a great incident, the like of which hundreds of the people had never seen. While doing the regular business of Assembly, one fellow arose and said that he would give one hundred dollars on a new Assembly building, another said that he would give a thousand dollars. This continued until over five thousand three hundred dollars was paid and subscribed for the Assembly building and orphanage.

"While Brother Milton Padgett was discussing the conditions of the Bahama Islands, he stated that they liked to read the Evangel, and said he would pay for one subscription for them, to which others responded till two hundred and twenty-five dollars was collected."

Incidentally this was the first Assembly your Editor attended. Like the others who attended, he emptied his pockets to give in the collections and then fasted. 20 years ago.

#### Sweeter Every Day

Dear saints, I praise the Lord for the sweet Holy Ghost that still abides in my soul today. I have had the blessing eighteen years and the way grows sweeter every day, and by His grace I mean to go all the way with Him. Saints, look up

and hold on to God's unchanging hand, for it won't be long till Jesus will come after His Bride.

I had a bad sore leg and promised the Lord if He would heal it I would tell of it. I could not walk on it. Last Sunday I asked Sister Mary L. Tidwell and Brother H. A. McNemar and his wife to pray for me and the Lord touched my body and I got right up and started walking. Pray that the Lord will completely heal it.—Susie Dyson, Darlove, Miss.

#### Have Sweet Soul Salvation

ROCK ISLAND, Tenn.—I praise the Lord for what He is to me. I praise Him for sweet, soul salvation. I am saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I belong to the Church of God at Campaign, Tenn. I am a young girl fourteen years old. I've started out to serve the Lord. I've been in this way three years and I am not a bit tired of the way.

My parents are Christians and my home is a home of prayer.

The Lord has healed me many times. A while back I had a severe cold. They prayed for me and the Lord heard and answered prayers. From that day on I got better and I now am well. I praise the Lord for it.

Pray for my cousins that they will give up and be saved before it is too late. I have loved ones and friends out in sin. Pray for me that I will get closer to Him and be ready when He comes or calls.—Miss Nelda Hitchcock, Rt. 1.

#### Baptist Minister Receives the Holy Ghost

I praise the Lord because I'm saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost and on the way to glory. Praise the Lord! I was saved and called to the ministry while in the Baptist church. I tried to live for Jesus but the Lord showed me the Church of God, and, praise the Lord, I went to it. I went to the Church of God the fifth Sunday in May, 1938, and was baptized with the Holy Ghost that night. I am trying to do what the Lord wants me to. I have been in several revivals since and I conducted two myself, one last summer and one this summer at Cooktown, Ga. Nine were saved and the Lord surely did bless in the preaching service. We had a wonderful time. Please pray for me, my wife and children, that we will stand true till Jesus comes.

I promised the Lord the other night if He would heal me I would testify to it. I was in such pain until I cried and just begged God to heal. I had a brother and sister to pray for me, and praise the Lord, I am healed although I haven't much strength in the arm that pained me so.—Willie Sam Hall.



## Daily Bread

— By —

E. L. SIMMONS

"Give us this day our daily bread."

—Matt. 6:11.

### Sunday, November 12

"Godliness with contentment."

Read 1 Timothy 6:1-6.

The sun may seem to brightly shine upon the wicked and he may appear in the eyes of others to prosper but he has no reward of joy as a promise of the future. It is different with the godly. One may seem to have little or nothing of this world's goods, but if he has salvation he has all reason to be content. These two things are the greatest things one may possess in this life and if possessed will bring eternal gain.

### Monday, November 13

"Unto the upright there ariseth a light."

Read Psalms 27

It is for the beast to go upon all four, but unto man that he should be upright in stature. It is no less true that man should be upright in heart. If man may better see the way standing than upon his hands and knees, so it is that he may see the light of salvation and true holiness as he walks with an upright heart. The upright man is the man who does not stagger at any doctrines of the Word of God but accepts and practices all of them.

### Tuesday, November 14

"My yoke is easy."

Read Matt. 11:25-30

Bill Garrett was working at a lumber yard helping to stack heavy timber which had been sold to a railroad company. He was not very large and his loads bore upon him heavily. John McRae was a large double-jointed Irishman who worked at the same lumber yard and for some unknown reason had taken a great liking to Bill. One day when the heavier timbers were to be stacked, he said, "Bill, I will carry with you."

This greatly pleased Bill and when the load began to bear heavy upon him John said, "Get out to the end of your stick, boy; let me have the heavy end." And so it is with the man who partners with Je-

sus. "He carries the heavy end." "His yoke is easy, His burden light."

### Wednesday, November 15

"Abound in hope."

Read Psa. 42

"Are you saved?" the minister inquired. "I hope I am," replied the lady. "But you should know," remarked the minister. "But doesn't the Bible say that we are saved by hope?" inquired the lady. "Yes," remarked the minister, "we are saved by hope, which is Christ in you the hope of glory, and every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself even as He is pure."

To abound in hope will bring such visible results, purifying the heart and bringing us into the likeness of the Master.

### Thursday, November 16

"I will guide thee."

Read Psa. 32

We were sailing the Gulf of Mexico on the west coast of Florida. The captain of the ship had turned the pilot wheel over to me, giving me the course by which to sail. The sea was somewhat rough and the vessel veered and tossed somewhat alarmingly, but all the time the captain sat and watched as I labored, and when the vessel would be thrown from its proper course, would take the wheel and right it again. And so it is with us. The Master expects us to steer the ship of our lives, but He does not leave us alone. As truly as He awoke and took charge of the ship on storm-tossed Galilee, He will guide our barque for us.

### Friday, November 17

"He endured as seeing."

Read Hebrews 11:24-34

Luther Albrton was born blind. Though he had every handicap he triumphed and became a master musician. As he traveled with me as a musician in my evangelistic campaigns, I would often ask him, "Luther, don't you want us to pray for you that you might see?" To this he would invariably reply, "I see," "I presume that I see all that is best for me to see," and then again, "I can see more than most people who have two good eyes, I can see the way of holiness." He saw the invisible and it helped him to endure.

### Saturday, November 18

"Whosoever we ask we receive."

Read 1 John 3:2

The word "whosoever" is as all-inclusive of the things needed by the child

## Question Box

Gen. 1:5, "And God called the light Day, and the darkness he called Night." Gen. 1:16, "And God made two great lights; the greater light to rule the day, and the lesser light to rule the night."

How could there be day and night before there was a sun to cause daylight? —Mrs. C. F. W.

The answer is very simple. There was light before the sun was made, because "God said, Let there be light: and there was light," Gen. 1:3. The sun was later made of the light which He created, and the moon was made as a reflector to the sun.

Gen. 1:1, "In the beginning God created the heaven and the earth," Gen. 17:27. Where did He get the material? What is the earth composed of? —Mrs. C. F. W.

God did not make the earth, He created it, therefore He needed no material. The word "create" comes from the Hebrew word "bara" which means to make something out of nothing. The earth is composed of the material which God created.

Gen. 17:10, "Every man child that is among you shall be circumcised." Why did God demand this? Of what value was this order to God Himself? —Mrs. C. F. W.

The law of circumcision was not only ceremonial but sanitary. It was beneficial in a physical and social way. Circumcision is an Old Testament type of New Testament sanctification. Rom. 2:29.

Gen. 17:27, "And all the men of his house, born in the house, and bought with money of the stranger, were circumcised with him." Who was the stranger?

Men of other nations.

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Many people cry and lament over conditions who could remedy the conditions themselves if they were humble enough to submit and thus save their tears and lamentations for something they themselves could not otherwise remedy.

of God as is the word "whosoever" as pertaining to those who may come to Him and be saved. This text and an observance of the conditions upon which the promise was given will bring to the child of God every thing desired by him. "Ask and ye shall receive."



# Foreign Missions

ZENO C. THARP, Secretary of Mission Board

## His Power and Love Are Still Working in China

BY PAUL C. PITTS

**B**ELoved coworkers and friends, peace be unto you. Early this morning, on my knees in a talk to Father, it came to me that prayer is to our life just what the trolley is to a street car, which transmits power along the route the car has to go. Did you ever notice or hear "The trolley is off"? Did not the car stop? It makes my heart tremble. I long, yea, it drives me to more prayer. O friends, pray. It is to get power. By faith we may receive from the risen Savior of His glorious, victorious power, and walk in newness of life, in power that is not our own but heavenly.

The secret of prayer is the cooperation between the human soul and the Divine Spirit. Yea, God has a purpose for the world and He is carrying it out through men and women who are receptive of His Spirit, "workers together with God." At times the task seems altogether beyond our feeble strength, the opposing forces appear almost overwhelming, but the Spirit of the true and living God is working, and such was the case of Joh Fuh Loo. Let me tell you of him.

For almost seven years Joh Fuh Loo was in our prayers, for he was a witch doctor, or, as the Chinese say, a "c'hen rien," a heavenly man, and made his living by finding out what gods did afflict the person or home with sickness or distress. Many times we ran across his pathway and he would curse us, but we held fast in prayer. We could write much of him but to make a long story short, the Master took him in hand. He became sick and on the bed of pain he saw his sin. In his dreams he saw the wrong he had done. In the night he heard the voice of Jesus speaking to him, and he said he saw Jesus just like the One outside the mission (a poster). For nights he had such fear, but the end came when he got a look at hell. That was more than he could stand, as he puts it. Early in the morning he sent a messenger after us, to plead that we come to his home at C'hun-zer Dian. At first my Chinese helper said it might be a trick. "Be careful, he is a danger-

ous man." So we went to prayer, and at prayer such a calm came over my soul. Again I asked the messenger to tell us all about Joh Fuh Loo, for by now many Chinese had come to see and hear what news the man brought as the report had gone out by the village watchmen that a man came over the hills running from the north. This alone put fear in them, so we did not have to ask but some were willing to take us by donkey to the sick man.

What a sight!—a poor, sad, heart-broken soul; many idols, the odor of the burning paper and incense. All was dark, the windows being pasted up with paper and the door closed. Fear—fear would get the best of many a soul.

In the name of Jesus we walked in, but what a change in the man! There was no cursing this time. He took me by the hand and asked forgiveness. He told us the way Jesus came to him and that now he knew his wrongs, then he broke out in a cry of pity. It touched my heart and

as I opened my Bible my eyes fell on Psa. 115 and I read it. The silence was broken by the sick man who said, "Oh, read it again. Is this in the Book? Read it again." So three times we read it, then we had a talk that struck the soul, then a prayer and a cleaning out of idols, big and little, wood and mud, also some of paper. Some even had a heart of brass, but all went one way,—out, out of the house. Those that did not break we burned. Some people tried to take some but we did not permit them. Yea, some tried to buy some but we did not sell them. Out! Out! was our cry of victory and the sick man looked at his gods for the last time. He was on his knees praying, crying to the true, loving, and living God. Needless to say, His power and love are still working in the world today.

Our friend became so calm, so full of joy that he forgot his sickness. He praised God. To my own soul it was a real heavenly atmosphere of love and joy and peace. His soul no longer cleaves to idols. He is born again. His face and his words tell the joyful story. A wondrous change has been wrought in his nature and his life. When he was asked how he felt in body and soul, he gripped my hand and with tears in his eyes said, "How may I attain most of the mind that was in Jesus, and how may I please Him most?" Such words out of the mouth of one, a heathen, just born again! O Lord, help me! My answer was, "Seek those things which are above. Now that you have found mercy with God, deny thyself, take up thy cross and follow Him."

My friends, as I write this letter, it has been twenty-four days since this brother came with us and he goes out with us, telling folks of Jesus. On July 23 he talked in our church at Wang tsun. Many know him and, believe me, tears did flow. He made the altar call and there was not a single soul that did not go on his knees to pray. He is now out in cities and villages crying, "Take out your idols; live for Jesus." Oh, pray for him, that God will use him. He is a good speaker.

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Paul C. Pitt, Overseer of the Church of God work in China.

# Notes of Praise

## A Burning Testimony For Jesus

I praise the Lord for what He means to me. I praise Him for the burning testimony I have in my soul, for the deep determination I have to hold on. I praise Him because I am still saved, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I praise the Lord because He took the crave for snuff from me. I also praise Him for showing me the light on the Church. I have been added to it and feel good deep down in my soul.

Please pray especially that the Lord will completely heal me of smothering spells, if it is His will. Pray that I will stand true.—Miss Ruth Davis, Piedmont, Ala.

SALE CREEK, Tenn.—I praise God for victory in my soul right now. We had a wonderful service last night in our humble little church here in Sale Creek. Brother Sam Helton preached on "The Signs Following Believers," and oh, how God did bless him and what a wonderful time we had in the Lord. I believe all the saints of God in the house were dancing together. It seemed that the old church house ought to be rejoicing too. I can't explain just how God did bless His children. It made me think of years ago when we could hear people singing and praying all around, and shouting too.

We thank God for Brother Helton. He means so much to us. Praise His name. Pray for us here at Sale Creek. We are glad of our pastor, he has done a good work here in Sale Creek this past year. Brother Simmons, the church here surely was sorry to have to give you up this year as state overseer. Pray for us.—Dora Ray.

MORRISTOWN, Tenn.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. I praise the Lord for this wonderful salvation that we can feel and know we've got. We thank the Lord for Brother Rouse and his wonderful faith in healing. He came to Mount Vale Church of God and had service. The house was packed to its capacity with people who came to hear that wonderful healing sermon. There were numbers prayed for, some got healed. There was a handkerchief prayed over and anointed and sent to a woman who had typhoid and she was completely healed. Pray for us.—Daisy Cain.

## The Lord Revealed The Church of God to Me

We truly thank and praise God for His goodness to the Church of God at

Carrier Mills, Ill., and the way He has blessed the work this past year with Brother Zeno Douglas as pastor. He worked for the interest of the church and Y. P. E. and preached the truth as God has revealed it in His Word. We feel that he and his good wife have proved a great blessing to the church. People have prayed through, been saved, sanctified and baptized with the wonderful Holy Ghost. I can truly speak for myself and say I really enjoyed my experience the past year.

On January 22 I received the blessing at the home of our pastor. I was a minister in the Gospel Trumpet church two and one-half years, but the Lord revealed the great Church of God to me and now I am an evangelist in the Church of God and have been set forth and licensed. Anyone desiring my service, please write me at the address below.—Miss Mayme Martin, Carrier Mills, Ill.

## Laying Up My Treasures Beyond the Blue

BASCOM, Fla.—Dear saints, this morning finds me still striving to enter in at the strait gate, trying hourly to lay my treasures up there beyond the blue, hallelujah, where there is no death, no motherless homes, no father's grief over mother's death, no crying children weeping over mother's absence, never again to feel her hand as she smoothed back their locks on their little brows, no mother's love nor kindness; for what is home without mother?

In the little village where we live the postmaster's wife had been sick for almost three years. (The whole family was unsaved.) She had depended entirely upon the doctors for her healing. She knew very little of the Lord, holiness, or the real true Word of God. She had been fed upon this soft soup kind of preaching (you do the best you can but pay me) and really didn't understand Christ's mission on earth.

After we moved into this little village I heard of her case. She being then in the hospital, I promised God if He would let her return I would do all I could to help her. It wasn't long before the doctor told her husband that he could do her just as good at home and save the hospital expenses, that he couldn't do her any good anyway but just patch her up a little at a time.

Upon her return home the enemy put a large boil in my eye which caused severe pain, but, praise God, I went anyway and as I saw that frail body I realized more fully the great love of our

Savior and the great need of real blood-bought workers for His cause. As I talked to her and told her of God's love, His tenderness, His great mercy, His great desire to save, how He died upon the cross that He might purify unto Himself a precious people to inherit the great kingdom of God, of the power to heal and save, at last she told me she didn't think God would heal her but how she wanted Him to save her soul, and as I prayed for God's will to be done she begged for me and my husband to pray for her. As we couldn't pray at her home we went to God in her behalf. That night she told her husband that she knew she would be saved, for she had a Christian sister praying for her. As we held on to God we received assurance and about four or five days before she passed on she confessed that God had saved her soul and she was ready to go.

God has been so wonderful to us since my husband started carrying the gospel. He's taking care of us body and soul. No matter how dark the road, no matter how hard the trial, He has lifted us over.

Please pray much for us. We are in a place where they think it is a shame to belong to the Church of God or profess holiness. Please pray for God to have His way in my husband's life and to place him where He can use him most.—Mrs. Zorah Long.

## God Heals Through the Evangel

BURKEVILLE, Va.—Dear saints of God, I praise God for keeping me saved from sin. The Holy Ghost still abides in my soul, I am still in the good Church, still praying for grace to be able to stand the tests daily and still trying to obey Him rather than people who lead out of God's will.

I thank Him for a pastor, whom He blessed us with, to look after our church in Amelia county. I don't get to go to service but about once a month. That is but few meals from the Father's table, but I do enjoy them when I get there. I was glad when I heard that our pastor was going to the Assembly and I hope God has guided him in His will in pastoring. May God bless all His people everywhere, that He will be glorified in all.

The devil is trying the church here. We haven't had an altar call for a long time. Pray for God to defeat Satan and that He will bless the church in a mighty way yet and they will stand true. Pray that He will guide our pastor and members and that we will all do that He says do.

I praise God for the Evangel; it is a great blessing. There are many good things in it that will comfort. It is a blessing by laying it on our sick bodies and God heals through it.—Mrs. Sallie Thompson, Rt. 2, Box 156.

## Can Do Nothing Without His Guiding Power

REFORM, Ala.—Dear Evangel readers, I am glad to report victory over demon powers. For some time I have been impressed to give in my testimony for God. I am just a poor, weak servant of His, doing my best to serve Him.

For almost a year I have endeavored to preach the gospel although it seems I have done nothing. I know we can not do anything without His guiding power. After counting the cost first, I am determined to get out on the battlefield for him as I want to be beneficial to lost souls.

I had planned to attend Bible Training School, but for some reason the way was not provided. I finished high school last year and I am trusting in God and asking Him to help me finish Bible School. I have never conducted any revivals, but I am going to make my first attempt in the near future.

Any encouragement you can give will be highly appreciated, and if I can be of any service to anyone, please let me know. Remember me in your prayers.—Maudine Wood, Rt. 1.

## God's Hand Was On My Life

AVERA, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' name. About six years ago God wonderfully saved my soul and sanctified me with the precious blood that was shed on the cross. I truly praise Him above everything for it. I was added to the dear old Church of God at that time. For a time we had good services and God wonderfully blessed. Praise His name. About a year after that I moved away and did not get to be in service. I began to be careless about serving God with my whole heart. Of course I prayed to God daily but not as much as I should have. I can look back now and see God's hand on my life.

My baby had whooping cough almost all the winter. At times it looked like God would surely take him from me, but when I became willing for God to have His way about it He healed him. Still I didn't try to do more for the Lord. In the spring my little boy next to my baby was taken suddenly with colitis. We did all we could for him in the way of medicine, still it looked like we were going to lose him. Oh, the suffering I had. I knew it was God punishing me. I went to God in earnest about it, confessed my carelessness toward Him and promised Him I would live closer to Him. Praise God, He healed him. He has healed my children many times since then.

I surely praise God because He didn't cast me off in those days. I praise Him for my mother's prayers for me and all the saints who were still faithfully trying to have services with just two or three sometimes. From then on I have

been trying to live closer to God. I would go to service and see the saints get good blessings. I could not get in touch with God as they, but I held on and one night God just began blessing me before I knew it. Praise His name.

We have a small church now and we truly praise God for it and for our pastor, Brother Wright, and his wife, who have been so much help to us. Brother D. L. Barrett was with us in a two weeks' revival. God blessed and the saints were revived.

I want to trust God for my healing and my children's healing completely, but it seems my faith is so weak. I believe if I had the Holy Ghost I could trust God more. Please pray earnestly for God to give me the precious Holy Ghost. My baby almost had pneumonia last week. I carried her to a doctor but still I give God the praise for her being well this morning. I know God is above everything. Only God knows how I praise Him in my heart this beautiful morning. Glory to His name. Saints everywhere, pray for me to be faithful until my Savior comes. Pray that God will save my loved ones before it is too late. Pray for our little church and Sunday School at Avera.—Mrs. J. W. Davis.

## MY TESTIMONY

A. A. CARPENTER

My dear brethren in the ministry and laity as well, as I was lying on my bed of languish and praying for you there at the great Assembly of the Church of God everywhere in this fair land which our God has so graciously given to His people, even the isles of the sea, for the habitation for a few days while we are waiting for Him to come to catch us all away to be with Him in that beautiful home that He has gone to prepare for us all, I was just thinking if I could only be there I could be at and greet so many of my dear brethren in the ministry.

That is impossible, but it is very probable that I will see and greet my blessed Savior and all the holy prophets and apostles and the dear friends who have gone on before, there to join with them to sing the songs of Moses and the Lamb. And just now it comes to my mind that I will meet some whom I met at the Assembly not many years ago, but they will not be there now (at the Assembly) but I will soon be with them awaiting your arrival. O brethren dear, let me exhort you to be faithful and true. Don't fail to preach the blessed gospel wherever you go which I love so much, for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth.

With this I think I will close, for I am so very weak; my eyes are so bad it is difficult for me to see anything, but, dear Brother Walker, I pray you will try to find a little space in the Assembly to

read this, for I would like to have my name heard in the great Assembly of the Church of God before I depart and my name is heard no more. With this I will say good-bye, praying God's richest blessings upon all.—A. A. Carpenter, 2032 19th St., Detroit, Mich.

*Editor's Note:* The above testimony is from one of our very aged ministers, he being eighty-nine years of age, and was intended to be read at the Assembly but with so many other things to look after, it was overlooked.

## Mean to Go All the Way With My Lord

LAWRENCEBURG, Tenn.—Dear saints, greetings in Jesus' name. I am glad tonight I have salvation, something I can feel in my soul. Praise the Lord. I am glad I am still saved, sanctified and the Holy Ghost still abides. I am glad of the Church of God and just want to live up to its teachings. I am glad of the healing power and mean by the help and grace of God to go all the way with Him.

Our little boy five years old fell off the yard gate recently and almost broke his arm. I promised the Lord if He would heal him I would testify to it. We thought his arm was broken. I brought him into the house. He was suffering very badly, so I prayed for him. He seemed to get worse. His arm made him sick. I prayed again. Then it seemed that my faith got a little weak, being here by myself, but I just held on to God.

My husband was at work in town and I carried him down to my closest neighbor's house to let them see if his arm was broken. Praise the Lord, by the time I got there he was easy. I know the Lord had touched it. They asked me if I had done anything for it. I said, "Yes, I prayed for it." That night about midnight he began suffering with it again. I got up and got the Evangel and laid it on his arm and prayed for him and he went to sleep. Praise the Lord, it is well today. I didn't put anything on it except the Evangel. The God I am serving can heal us if we have faith and live the life He wants us to.

I want to live a life pleasing to my Christ so I will be ready to go any time He comes or calls for me. I am a member of the Church of God at Lawrenceburg. I want all the saints everywhere to pray a special prayer for my unsaved husband, daughter and her husband, that they will be saved and come this way before it is too late. Pray for our church here that we may have more power and stay humble, as the devil is trying every way he can to keep us from having service.—Mrs. Mary Springer, Rt. 3.

## The Promised Testimony

BILLINGS, Montana.—Dear Christian friends, a few weeks ago I wrote to the

Church of God at Cleveland, Tenn., requesting prayer that I might receive the baptism of the Holy Ghost, also healing for my body. I told them I did not wish to have the letter printed in the Evangel but stated that a letter of testimony might come later, and, praise God from whom all blessings flow, here it is.

I am happy to write at this time that after seeking for the Baptism for more than six and one-half years, on the night of Oct. 1, in our little church here in Billings, I was gloriously baptized, God giving me an experience so definite and sweetly divine that even though the whole world should doubt me still I would know that God had performed it and that it was real. Praise His wonderful name! And the best part of it is that it gets more real every day. But, dear ones, surely at this time I stand greatly in need of prayer that I may not fail this loving Savior who has done such wonderful things for me. I know that it is going to take all that is in me to endure to the end, but thank God, for His precious promises and for the Holy Ghost who will lead me into all truth and abide with me forever. Just now I feel the hallelujahs ringing in my soul. I am still trusting the Lord to increase my physical strength which is way below normal and to be on the "spot" for Jesus. A strong body is very essential. I am believing God for this today as never before. Please pray for me that I may be obedient to His will.

We thank God for the good way He has blessed in our midst, and we are looking forward to far greater things. Special evangelistic services are now in progress under direction of Brother R. H. Klaudt and his wife. We appreciate their soul-stirring messages both in sermon and song. Brother and Sister Sanders who are pastoring our church at the present time are humble, conscientious workers for the Lord. They are new in the field and worthy of all praise and cooperation.—Mrs. Leona Kelby, 318 Wyoming Ave.

MOUNT VERNON, Ky. — I praise the Lord for healing my body Oct. 8. Brother Martin of Winchester, Ky., told me to humble myself before the Lord and He would heal me, so I tried that and it worked just right. Saints, pray for me that I may stay humble.—W. T. Doan.

#### A Miracle Wrought by God

I praise God for His great protection. Oh bless His dear name! I was crossing the street in front of Brother Huff's church just after services closed when a car hit me. Several saw it and said it threw me about twelve feet. I thank the Lord because He didn't permit me to be put in the hospital for treatment. I want to trust Him for both soul and body.

Bless His good name. I just looked to my Savior and He healed me. Praise His name.

Oh, I want to live for Him and die for Him. I want my life to be a bright light shining out to the world that is going down to destruction, that they may see and know of a truth that there is a reality in serving the true and living God. Saints, please pray for me that I will live true to God and be a blessing to others. I want to be a loyal member in the Church of God which is the pillar and ground of the truth. Jesus said we should be like Him when He returned for His own and I want to be just like Him. Thank God.—Mrs. Ellen Stevenson, 212 Parsons St., Cincinnati, Ohio.

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OAKMAN, Ga.—I praise the Lord for His healing power; for healing my body. I was very sick and Brother T. P. Puckett of Toledo, Ohio, prayed for me and the Lord healed my body. Praise His name.—A brother in Christ, Clifford Silvey.

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WINFIELD, Ala.—Dear brothers and sisters, I praise my Redeemer for His goodness to me. I promised Him if He would heal me I would tell it everywhere. I had a bad spell with my lungs a few days ago. I called in three or four of the sisters. They prayed and held on to God until He came on the scene and His mighty power came down from the glory world and lifted me out of the bed. Friends, it means much to trust God. Praise His name. I love Him this morning. I realize we must live clean, pure, holy lives to get these blessings. Hallelujah! I love the Evangel.—Mrs. Ida McCombs, Rt. 1.

#### Go Into the Highways and Hedges and Bring Them In

ALLIGATOR, Miss.—Dear Evangel readers, greetings in Jesus' dear name. I am still praising God for what He means to me. Yes, Jesus means everything this morning to me. Bless His name. I thank Him this morning for His saving grace, keeping power, healing power and for all His benefits toward us, realizing He is my only strength, for without Him we can do nothing, but in Him we can accomplish much. Thank the Lord forever.

I am so glad Jesus understands all about us. He knows all about our needs before we ask Him. Praise His name. He knows just how to use everyone of us to get glory out of our life. If we will only commit ourselves in His hands He will surely use us as there is something for every one to do in His vineyard.

There is more that needs to be done for God and the accomplishment of His kingdom now than ever before, so let us

awake out of slumber and walk in the light as the new day dawns. Just think of the souls in the war zones going out into eternity unprepared to meet God. Oh, how it should cause us to be up and about our Father's business. O Lord, burden our hearts for lost souls, is my prayer. I have many friends and loved ones out in sin. How my heart yearns to see them saved. I want every child of God to help me pray for them. We have no place here for services only in our homes. It seems that we have no preachers who like to come here to hold meetings. This is surely a hard place. There are many hungry souls in this community who need Jesus in their lives. Sure, this is a little out-of-the-way place for a preacher, but God has promised to be with us even unto the end of the world. He will surely take care of His own in any kind of a place. There are so many places like this one right here in our dear state of Mississippi that need the gospel, and our Lord said go out into the highways and hedges and bring them in. Bless His dear name! He must have meant places like this, so if anyone feels led by the Lord to come this way, we would be glad.

We don't have any services, only a little prayer meeting Saturday night and a Bible reading Sunday afternoon at three o'clock. I want every saint of God to earnestly pray for us at these special hours, that God may bless our weak efforts. I know He can work and none can hinder. Bless His name.

We really want victory in His name here at this place. I, being the leader of our services, feel weak before the Lord, so pray earnestly for me that the Lord may use me any way He sees fit to get glory out of my life.—Mrs. Willie Barrentine.

#### Satisfied in The Church of God

CHAVIES, Ky.—I really praise God for being saved from sin, sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost. I thank the Lord for the desire He gives to go on with Jesus. I also thank Him for the faith He gives to trust Him for the healing of my body. I have trusted Him for nineteen years. He has healed my body many times. He has also healed my family many times. Praise His name.

I praise the Lord for all good things, because I realize without Him I would be lost and undone in this world. I desire the prayers of all the saints that I will be faithful to the end and that God will ever keep us on the firing line.—Sister Belle Baker.

The person who fails to share what he has with others gets a poor share for himself and is feeding his worst enemy—one that will rise up and slay him.

### Brought Up From Death's Door

PACKARD, Ky.—Dear ones, truly I thank God because I am saved and sanctified holy and the sweet Holy Ghost is abiding in my soul. I am determined to live right. Praise the Lord.

Truly I thank God for healing my burned body. He healed me when doctors and nurses, saints and friends thought it impossible. Praise the Lord. On the 17th day of March I caught on fire from the grate and was unable to put the fire out and I burned from above my knees to my shoulder, and then my hair caught on fire. I lingered and didn't seem to get any better. It just looked like all I could do was die. The people and my husband decided that there was nothing they could do for me so they sent me to the hospital in Knoxville, Tenn., where I stayed two weeks. The doctors and nurses didn't see any chance of my getting well. They doubted it insomuch that they even put me in the death room, but God was yet looking down upon me and having tender mercy. I saw if I laid there with no one to pray with me and comfort me I would soon die. I had gotten so low I could barely whisper.

One day my pastor, Brother Ed Johnson, and his wife, Sister Francis, and Brother and Sister Finley came over to the hospital to see me. Brother Johnson prayed for me. It seemed to me there were little results, but the next morning all the nurses came in, looked at me and said I was healing up just fine. I stayed two weeks and decided I had better come home where the dear saints could pray for me.

After I came back I didn't have much hopes for myself. Some dearly beloved saints, Brother and Sister Walker, came down and prayed for me, anointing me in the name of the Lord Jesus and I began to gain a little faith in the Lord and He began to touch my body. On top of my being burned inflammatory rheumatism struck me, but through the prayers of the dear saints God has healed me of all my sickness, and I truly believe I am as stout as I ever was. Praise God. I realize that man couldn't have brought me up, so I truly thank God for that. I have talked about it and told it and the more I tell it the more I want to tell it. I will never be able to tell what the Lord has done for me. He is a mighty God with mighty power, a God who will hear and answer prayers; a God who will do to depend on. I would today that the world knew about what suffering there is in being burned with fire. They surely would all run to the Lord and be saved.

I desire the saints the world over to hold me up before God that I will go all the way with Jesus and that I will never get weak or faint by the wayside because I really want to stand true to God and at last receive a home in heaven.—Sister Lil-

lie M. Haun.

COFFEEVILLE, Miss.—I wish to express to the world my appreciation to God for His healing power. It was when I started to wash this morning that in turning over the tub, I pulled off a piece of broken tile on top of my feet, cutting a deep gash in it. I took off my shoe to keep the blood from running inside. By the aid of a stick I managed to get back to the house. I washed the wound and bandaged it. It had bled lots by this time and was getting very sore. I now tried to walk and could not. My mother brought me a crutch and very little progress could I make with the use of it. I fell once and how it hurt. I dried the dishes after dinner standing on one foot. Then I tried to go down the steps into the yard. I could hardly make it. When I got back in and sat down in a chair I couldn't keep from crying because I could not walk, and I told mamma I would not try to go out in the yard again. My mind went to shut-ins who can't walk. I said to myself, "If God will heal my foot I will go, if I have to walk, to some of these lonely people and tell them more about Jesus." Oh! I wanted to do something for God. I saw a great work for people who would go.

I picked up the Evangel and said, "Lord, let me read that that will increase my faith most." Then I began to fear that I wouldn't find just what I wanted and wished I had had the Bible instead. But thanks be to God, the Evangel is a God-inspired paper. I read in the Aug. 12 issue, page 11, a letter from Sister Maxine Branderburg, Oregonia, Ohio. As I read my faith was built up and I promised God if He would heal me I would tell the world. Oh! His presence was with me and the power all over me. I put my sore foot down on the floor, it didn't hurt, so I walked to a chair near by. I would walk a little farther next time and so on. Sometimes I would want to rest my hand on a chair or something, but something wouldn't let me, but said, "Rest it on Jesus." I told mamma and papa that the Lord was going to heal my foot and I am so thankful. Praise His sweet name. To Him be all the glory and praise. Pray for your unworthy servant.—Maude Ellen Hight.

KIMBALL, W. Va.—I praise the Lord for our good revival here conducted by Sister Pugh of Roanoke, Va. It was so wonderful how the Lord sent His power down. Souls were saved, sanctified and shouted the victory. Many were healed. The people were brought together in such a good spirit, unity and love. The power fell in a great way. It was the most wonderful meeting that has been here for twelve years. Since Sister Pugh was here the Lord gave us another good meeting.

I am still feasting on this one. I don't belong to the Church of God yet but this meeting surely got hold of me. I feel more like going on than ever before. I know Sister Pugh is a real worker for the Lord. Pray for me.—C. H. Louis.

### Find in Jesus All I Need

WAUCHULA, Fla.—Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, greetings in Jesus' name. I thank God for what He is to me and my home. I find in Him (Jesus) all I need. I trust Him for both soul and body.

Last Friday night we went to Y. P. E. We had prayer; the Lord blessed and touched my body. I came home but suffered all night and until Saturday. Brother and Sister Lee came and prayed for me. I am able to be at my work again. I give God all the glory for it as I did not do anything but trust God.

My heart's desire is to stand true to God and be a light to someone. We are few in number in Wauchula but we have a good Y. P. E. and Sunday School. Pray for my home to be a home of prayer and that we will ever be at our best for God and His Church.—Edna Mae Burnett, Rt. 2.

### Evangel a Welcome Guest

COLUMBIA, Ky.—Dear Evangel readers, I praise the Lord for what I feel in my soul just now. Bless His good name. I praise Him for the food for my soul I get by reading the Evangel. I praise Him for a man like our Editor. He has helped me so much this summer as I haven't had a chance to be in services much. The book of Revelation is the book I read so much. By reading after our good Editor I can see deep things. The Evangel is a welcome guest every week end at my home.

Last Friday a week ago my baby took sick. There was no one at home to pray with me so I got the Evangel and laid it on her in the name of Jesus and told the Lord if He would heal her I would testify of it, so the Lord healed her and we give Him the praise for it.

Please pray for me that I'll be a light to the world. There are no Church of God people at this place. The people here don't know anything about holiness. I want to so live before them that they can see Jesus in my everyday life. There is a class of people here who call themselves holiness, but some of them use their tobacco, some carry on their filthy talk, until they are a reproach to holiness, but I know holiness is a clean life and can be lived. I've been in this good, clean way of holiness for eight years and I love it more and more every day. I know the enemy works, but the Word says He will never leave us nor forsake us.

Pray for my boys who are in sin, that they will be saved before it's too late. Pray for me that I'll stay where the Lord can use me.—Bettie Tapscott.

## BRIEF REPORTS

"A good report maketh the bones fat," Prov. 15:30.

Dear Evangel readers, praise God, today my heart is overflowing with gratitude and thanksgiving to God for the blessed Church of God. I am also thanking Him for victory. He is truly blessing us at Clifton.

On Tuesday night we had the Lord's Supper and feet washing. We could feel the presence of God with us. We had a large gathering; people stood on their seats, many of them for the first time seeing such a thing. Our district pastor, Brother Shaw, and our overseer were a blessing. Five were added to the church.

Dear ones, let's pray that we all will be gathered around the throne of God.—Amy Reid, clerk, 37 Red Hills Road, Half Way Tree P. O., Clifton, Jam., B. W. I.

STANWOOD, Mich.—Dear Evangel readers, we feel as though we should write a few lines of praise to the Lord for what He has done for us. We have been laboring for the Lord here but, praise His name, He is the One who has never lost a battle yet. Last Sunday we had Brother Anderson with us and he did some wonderful preaching under the anointing power of God. We surely enjoyed his message. After the sermon we had six to unite with the Church and receive the right hand of fellowship. We surely give God all the praise. We have several more coming in the church later. The devil has been working, but thank God for victory.

Please remember me in prayer as my body is not very strong. I know God is able to completely heal.

We appreciate the Evangel as it has some wonderful reading in it.—John Page, pastor.

GASTONIA, N. C.—The saints of God at South Gastonia are thanking and praising God for the wonderful service we had Sunday night. The presence of the Holy Ghost was felt from the beginning of the song service throughout the entire service. Saints of God whom I've never seen shouting before were dancing and praising God. Words can't express this great meeting God gave us. Praise His name forever! While the brethren were taking the offering God kept blessing and the people feeling the Spirit of God kept giving. Our offering amounted to \$20.10. We didn't have any preaching service for the Spirit of God was working until the altar call was made. Sinners came into the altar, backsliders prayed through to victory.

Brother Corley and his wife are with

us this year and they are dear people of God. He has been with us only a short time but he has done us good. We appreciate the fatherly kindness which he has shown to the church, and the encouragement he has given us. The secret of the church's victory is in praying the clouds away.—Mrs. Walter Wineberger.

We thank the Lord and Brother Ellis for sending our pastor and his wife back here for another year. Brother Culpepper is a man of God. We thank the Lord for the good spirit in our church and for the seekers. Last Sunday night there were ten souls in the altar crying out to God.

Saints, pray for us here. I want you to pray that God will baptize my sister with the Holy Ghost. She is saved and sanctified. Thank the Lord. Pray that God will give us a revival and that many souls will be saved.—Mrs. Bill Young, Cocoa, Fla.

### Appreciation

We, as members of the Church of God at Pulaski, Va., wish to express our deep love toward the former state overseer, Brother J. L. Dorman, for helping to get our dear pastor and wife, Brother and Sister W. T. Morefield, back to our church for another year. They have worked hard for the past year to get a Church of God established here and God has wonderfully blessed their efforts. Many times I can recall suffering, hardships and trials that the pastor and his wife were going through, and I would try to show my deep sympathy in words, but in return I could hear both say, "We count it a privilege to suffer for the cause of God and we have nothing to regret." We need many more pastors and wives like Brother and Sister Morefield!

We request your prayers that we will all be faithful soldiers of the cross and win many more souls before Jesus comes.—Judson Eanes, Box 1057, Pulaski, Va.

### Need Prayer

To the Church of God Evangel readers everywhere, I am glad this morning I am still saved and His promises are true. I mean to be true to the end. We are having a very hard time over here in these islands, but thank God that I am what I am. The Lord tells me to go into all the world and preach His gospel and He will be with me to the end.

Saints, there are many hard places to go through but, thank God, I am still in Christ. I have been saved eighteen years and I am still determined to go on for Jesus. I was making a report of condi-

tions of the saints in the Church, for hardness of time, for clothing and also food and I never got an answer. I try my very best to encourage them, but some have gone back.

Church of God family everywhere, please take note of this. Please pray for us over here.—Ebenezer T. Musgrove, evangelist and pastor at Whitby church; A. W. Rigby, overseer.

### Church in Unity, Wonderful Revival Spirit

MIDDLETOWN, Ohio.—We arrived in Middletown, Ohio on Sunday morning, Oct. 29, and was greeted at the bus station by the good pastor and welcomed into his home by him and his good Spirit-filled wife.

On Sunday evening the people began to gather early, and by seven o'clock the large church building was filled to its capacity. The service began at six o'clock with old time singing, the young people having charge, with Brothers James McCoy and W. E. Raney as choir leaders and the orchestra, composed of a fine group of young people, rendering special numbers. To say the old time power fell in a great way would be putting it mild. There were some excellent speakers on the young people's program. These young people seem to be full of fire and zeal for God.

As the Spirit-filled choir would sing the good old songs of Zion, the waves of glory swept the entire audience, lifting numbers to their feet, and the shouts of victory rose high. One could tell that the church had been blessed with a good pastor who had been feeding them on good, wholesome food. Everyone surely loves and appreciates their good pastor, Brother M. J. Headley. He is so faithful to his church and so kind and thoughtful of his people, willing to help bear their burdens and to assist in any way possible to be a blessing. Surely the people of Middletown are greatly blessed.

The revival spirit is wonderful and the saints have a twenty-four-hour-a-day prayer chain. Surely the Lord will hear the cry of His people. Saints of God everywhere, please join us in prayer that the Lord will give us a great ingathering of souls.—J. R. Davis.

### Special Notice

There will be an all-day fellowship meeting at the Church of God, Broad St., Newville, Pa. on Thanksgiving Day. Everybody is welcome. God has been richly blessing and we are expecting His blessings in this service too. Come on and rejoice with us and pray for the service.—P. R. Walker, pastor, Broad St., Newville, Pa.

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# Prayer

BY BINGHAM C. O'NEIL

For some time I have felt impressed to write on this important subject. In Luke 18:1 we are told that "men ought always to pray and not to faint." Also in James 5:16 we are told that "the effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much." James 5:17, 18, said, "Elias was a man subject to like passion as we are, and he prayed earnestly that it might not rain: and it rained not on the earth by the space of three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth brought forth her fruit."

The above scriptures should encourage everyone to pray. The scripture taken from Luke's gospel shows that prayer is a command of our Lord, and that taken from the book of James shows how the right kind of prayer has been answered. Prayer is one of the most important elements in a Christian life. We should not fail to pray, as those in dark Africa, India, South America and various other foreign fields. No wonder Jesus said, "The harvest is great but the laborers are few." It seems that there is plenty of work to do, yet many ministers have gone back to their old vocation, excusing themselves by saying the overseers didn't give them anything to do. If we pray as we should,

God's love will flood our souls and we will get a vision of the lost insomuch that we will be willing to sacrifice our time, money, talent, or anything we have to see the church move on. We will not have so much time for increasing our wealth in this world. Most of our time will be spent in an effort to lay up for ourselves treasures in heaven where neither moth nor rust doth corrupt, and where thieves do not break through and steal.

Many Christians have allowed the cares of this life and the deceitfulness of riches to choke out their experience; as a result they have lost their fellowship with God and became unfruitful.

I sincerely hope these few words will help every reader to see the dire need of getting hold of God in prayer. Surely the existing conditions of the world today should cause us to fall on our face and cry out to God for souls and for overcoming grace. My soul truly is hungry for more of God and a manifestation of His mighty power in a greater measure. I realize these things can be brought about by fervent prayer. Let us all pray, pray, pray and surely God will work in a mighty way.

quence of the other and unless sin is taken out of the way there is no salvation. Praise the Lord! On one occasion a rich young ruler came running in with apparent earnestness to Jesus and fell on his knees before Him and said, "Good Master, what shall I do that I may inherit eternal life?" Jesus rehearsed to him the commandments that had to do with flagrant sins. The rich young man said, "All these have I observed from my youth." He had kept these commandments and he was therefore a moralist and stood high in his community. He probably was a leader among the people and thought he would receive the approval of the Son of God. But Jesus said unto him, "One thing thou lackest," and when Jesus told him what to do the Bible says "he went away sorrowful." Jesus then said, "How hardly shall they that have riches enter into the kingdom of God!" Then the disciples asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus said, "With God all things are possible." In other words, it is going to take a miracle for anybody to be saved. A miracle-working God is the only remedy for sinful man's condition, and no one can enter the kingdom until a miracle has taken place in his life. Thank God for Jesus our Savior and soon coming King!

## Many Healed by the Mighty Power of God

WELLFORD, S. C.—I praise the Lord for the many good blessings the Lord has given us this year and the good revivals we have had in different places. God has surely blessed. We have seen many souls saved, sanctified and baptized with the blessed Holy Ghost and many healed by the mighty power of God.

One dear sister eighty-six years old got healed of cancer, high blood pressure and an affected heart and at the same time received the baptism of the Holy Ghost. Praise God forever. One old brother seventy-six years old had rheumatism so bad until he was stiff and could not walk. His knees were swollen very large, his arms were stiff, he could not use them, could not turn his head. He was not even saved. He told me he had been a wicked sinner all his life. I told him God would save and heal him too. We prayed and anointed him with oil. The Lord saved and healed him. He began to use his arms and turn his head, got up on his feet and began to walk and shout and said he had something he had never had before. He lives in Lee county. One girl saw a vision while we were running a revival at McDonald Chapel.

We want every one of God's children to pray for us. We are now at Lando in a revival but are closing out here Friday night.—D. J. and Rosa Clayton.

## Who Can Be Saved?

W. A. SHAW, Jam., B. W. I.

At one time Jesus said to His disciples that it was easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the kingdom of God. Naturally they asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus answered, "With men this is impossible; but with God all things are possible." The subject of this message is "Who Can Be Saved?" As we listen to the testimonies from those in various walks of life we find that there is a possibility of men and women being saved and they are not confined or obligated to any strata of society from a natural point of view.

Who can be saved? There is an answer to that question. I am not prepared to tell you the definite number of those who can be saved, but if I were to estimate the number saved it would be spelled f-e-w. Who can be saved? Many can be saved. Oh glory to God! the blood is efficacious enough to save the "whosoever will."

As we glance to the Bible we find a truth set forth that is pleasant to consider. Jesus said, in speaking of the way that leads to life eternal, "Strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth un-

to life, and few there be that find it," Matt. 7:14. The provision is universal but few shall enter in. May the Lord help all those who have discovered the way and its divine qualifications. As soon as you discover the way that leadeth to life you will have to be sober. The drunkards can not travel the way, the pleasure-mad world, with its occupants, can not travel the way. Friends and neighbors, far and near, if we are to travel the homeward way we have to deny ourselves and take up the cross and follow Jesus all the way. Glory to God for the privilege! In one of his last messages to the churches of Asia, Jesus said to the church of Sardis, "Thou hast a few names even in Sardis which have not defiled their garments." If there is anything that will keep us out of the kingdom of heaven it is the defilement of sin.

Thousands are standing in the pulpit telling you that there is no salvation from sin, the blood of Calvary is insufficient to meet God's demand, and that there is no deliverance from sin. If there is no deliverance from sin there is no deliverance from damnation for one is the conse-

## REQUESTS

"With thanksgiving let your requests be made known unto God." Phil. 4:6.

### PRAY FOR:

My little four and one-half year old girl to be healed of leakage of the heart and heart dropsy. The doctor has given us hopes of curing her. We do want her to live; she is our only child. If it is God's will, please pray that He will let her live. May God bless each one is my prayer. Brother Rouse, please pray especially for my baby.—Mrs. Nobie Wright, Dial, Ga.

My daughter who has been sick over a year to be healed.—Mrs. T. H. Gowan, Wolf Creek, Tenn.

My husband to be healed of bronchial asthma; my son and sister to be saved; me to have more power with the Lord.—Mrs. Elizabeth Sanders, 203 Bailey St., Sansouci, Greenville, S. C.

Two nieces who asked for prayer; unspoken request.—Mrs. N. H. Harris, Dillon, S. C.

My brother, Jim Bailey, to get back to the Lord and be healed of asthma.—Mrs. Wilma Henry, Little Rock, Ark.

Our new pastor, Brother Z. D. Simpson; our church; my mother; me to be submissive to God. — Dewey Kitchen, East Lake Church of God, Birmingham, Ala.

Two very special unspoken requests.—Mrs. W. T. Beardin, Gen. Del., Alamo, Ga.

Unspoken request.—Mrs. B. H. Clark, Rt. 1, Mt. Pleasant, Tenn.

Two very special unspoken requests; my husband to come to Jesus; our revival now in progress; me to get closer to the Lord and do His will.—Mrs. Nora Darby, Box 1443, Sophia, W. Va.

My brother-in-law, who is very sick in the hospital, to be healed; his brothers to be saved; an elderly man to be healed of rheumatism.—Mrs. J. A. Bob Douglas, Rt. 2, Box 115, Jellico, Tenn.

The healing of my body. Please pray until victory comes.—Mrs. O. J. Plake, Eli, Ky.

My father who is very weak in body. Fast, if led.—Mrs. Ernest Goodman, Thomasville, Ala.

The healing of my body. Fast, if led. Anointed cloth appreciated.—Mrs. Etta Simmons, Box 53, Kenansville, Fla.

My husband to be saved; me to hold out faithful.—Sister Alice White, 601 E. Kentucky St., Anadarko, Okla.

My sister, Mrs. Lutrell Ranew, whose head is in a serious condition and left eye very sore. Fast, if led. She will appreciate encouraging letters.—Mrs. Lizzie McLendon, Stillmore, Ga.

My tongue to be healed of a lump that is coming on it, a severe cold and sores on my left arm; my mother's back to be

healed. Anointed cloths appreciated.—Levi Smith, Manns Choice, Pa.

My baby who has a cold and stomach trouble.—Mrs. Lena Denham, Cromwell, Ky.

My sister who is afflicted in body; me to have more faith and be drawn closer to God.—Arvie Blevins, Red Bay, Ala.

Sister Rich, who is to be operated on, to be healed.—Myrtle Rich, Mallory, W. Va.

My husband to be sanctified and filled with the Holy Ghost; my son's body to be healed; our church here to be brought out and the enemy defeated. — Alice Vance, St. George, W. Va.

A brother who is possessed with an evil spirit requests prayer that it will be cast out, his name is Lewis Kovar; my wife who is afflicted.—W. L. Ramsey, Acosta, Pa.

The healing of my body, I have been very sick with gallstones.—Ellen Pennington, Rita, W. Va.

My husband, who is sick with diabetes and suffered a slight stroke, to be healed. He is almost helpless.—Mrs. Wade Foster, Rt. 2, Box 171-A, Vicksburg, Miss.

For my wife who is at the point of death. Brother Rouse, please pray for her.—J. C. Webster, Cleveland, Miss.

## OBITUARIES

*"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Psa. 116:15.*

### DAVENPORT

Sister Willie Mae Davenport, faithful member of the Church of God in Philadelphia, Pa. for nineteen years, departed this life Oct. 1, 1939. Her life was devoted to the evangelistic work. — A friend.

### GUY

Little John Willis Guy, infant son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guy, died May 25, 1939.—Ones who loved him dearest, Mr. and Mrs. Chester Guy, Keysville, Ga.

### RALPH

Brother Frank Ralph, faithful member of the Church of God at Pittsburg, Kans., passed away Sept. 30, 1939; age sixty-eight years. He had served as a trustee for several years.—His pastor, C. C. Rains, 1105 N. Taylor, Pittsburg, Kans.

### RENTFRO

Sister Florence Rentfro, a faithful member of the Church of God at Weir, Kans., passed away Sept. 13, 1939; age thirty-five years.—Her district pastor, C. C. Rains.

### McNEW

Brother J. H. McNew, a minister and member of the Church of God for twenty-five years or more, passed away Aug.

1, 1939; age sixty-three years, one month and ten days. He was sick nearly two years and not able to preach or attend church. He was true to the Church and did all he could to hold up Jesus to lost souls wherever he was.—A brother and sister, Addison and Rosa Hahn, Lancing, Tenn.

### NABORS

Sister Mollie Nabors, a member of the Church of God at Ware Shoals, S. C., passed away Oct. 13, 1939; age thirty-five years.—A friend.

### True and False Religions

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oaks and had the glorious privilege of having angels and heavenly messengers visit his home.

We see true and false religion in contrast again as God's prophet Elijah clashed with the prophets of Baal. The test that he proposed proved a wondrous victory for true religion, and an awful defeat for the false.

All through the travels of the children of Israel in their Exodus from Egypt to Canaan, we note the struggle between true and false religion. In all occasions where God was allowed to direct they had glorious victories. In every instance where they became dissatisfied with the leadership of Moses, under God, they suffered defeat.

We will now come to the Christian era. We find Christ in conversation with the woman at the well. She spoke of the Jews worshipping at Jerusalem and the Samaritans worshiping in the mountains. Jesus stated to her that the time had come that the place of worship would not be at Jerusalem, or the mountains, but that all true worshipers would worship God in spirit and in truth. The Christian religion had its origin under spiritual influence beginning on the day of Pentecost, but we note from the statements made by Christ and the apostles that the same condition is to continue through the Christian age.

In Matt. 24 Jesus says, "And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many. And because iniquity shall abound, the love of many shall wax cold." We are taught by the apostles that from among them were to spring false teachers who would turn away their ears from the truth and that people would heap to themselves teachers having itching ears and would be turned from the truth. Peter and Jude and John in their writings all collaborate the statement of Paul in his statements. The condition all the way down between true and false religion has been over who shall possess and occupy the heart of man. We refer you to a quotation in 1 John 4:1-3, "Beloved, believe not every spirit, but try the spirits whether they are of God: because

many false prophets are gone out into the world. Hereto know ye the Spirit of God: Every spirit that confesseth that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is of God: And every spirit that confesseth not that Jesus Christ is come in the flesh is not of God: and this is that spirit of antichrist, whereof we have heard that it should come; and even now already is it in the world."

We see by this that the struggle between true and false religion had its beginning early in the history of the New Testament church, and that it is to continue until the development of the Anti-christ reign. True religion begins on the inside of man and will work outward. False religion works on the outside and can't get in. We urge everybody to contend for the faith once delivered to the saints and stand for fundamental doctrines of Christianity, or true religion.

#### Editorially Speaking

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the studious soul who applies himself diligently to the study of God's Word. Only through knowledge and the application of the knowledge of God's Word to our lives and to the work whereunto God has called us, may we show ourselves approved unto God.

*Then shall we know, if we follow on to know the Lord: his going forth is prepared as the morning; and he shall come unto us as the rain, as the latter and former rain upon the earth.*—Hosea 6:3.

#### About Jesus the Son of God

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Word of God. It will mean much to be prepared inside and out for this occasion. Bless the Lord! I don't want to be like the five foolish virgins who were unprepared when the cry or alarm was made, "Behold the Bridegroom cometh, go ye out to meet him," but I want to be as the five wise virgins. Read Matt. 25. Praise God!

#### NOTICES

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end now. Let's set the time to start them. Of course we know revivals are costly. They cost lots of praying, tears and time. They cost more if we don't have them. Souls are precious. This revival must start in our hearts first. Churches, get prayed up, get on fire, then let the Holy Ghost lead. We will then get the man we need for a revival. When Zion travails, she brings forth. Let us not say we are too poor for a revival; we are never too poor to get lost souls saved. We want to see the Church of God grow, for she is the ark of safety.

I am in the evangelistic work this year. Anyone wanting me for a revival, I have a loud speaker and I am a full time min-

ister. My address is Columbia, Ky., Sono Rt. The committee is composed of Virgil Tapscott, Ed Cox and John Reynard.—Virgil Tapscott, Sono Rt., Columbia, Ky.

I am open for evangelistic calls. Any-one desiring my service may address my mail to 1007 Hill St., Cincinnati, Ohio.—R. C. Muncy.

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To all pastors in Georgia: At the close of the Assembly this year, the state overseer of Georgia appointed a committee to work out a financial plan for the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. president (or superintendent), who is Brother Roy

## HURRAH FOR NORTH CAROLINA

Two large bundles of coupons from Octagon soap products, Ballard's Obelisk flour, Rumford baking powder, Luzianne coffee and tea, from North Carolina! We have just received a check for \$262.22 from the company for these coupons. This is certainly a tribute to North Carolina.

These coupons help us to provide the best of living quarters for our orphans as well as to maintain the general support of it. Come on! Let us have your coupons from every state and from every church in the states. If you send in 50,000 coupons between September 1, 1939, and December 31, 1939, we will receive an extra ten per cent bonus. Are you interested? Now that North Carolina has set the pace, let each state follow and let us put this drive over the top.

Douglas, Alma, Ga. The committee decided on the following plan:

1. Each Sunday School send to the state superintendent at the close of each month tithe of Sunday School offerings.
2. Each district overseer take an offering at each district Sunday School and Y. P. E. convention for the state superintendent.
3. Each pastor take an offering at each visit of the state superintendent to apply on his expense.
4. Send the last Y. P. E. offering of each month to the state superintendent.
5. Each district overseer be instructed to see that this plan is carried out on his respective district.
6. That the state superintendent report to each district overseer monthly.
7. Also, that the state superintendent report to the chairman of the committee, G. R. Watson, 391 14th St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga., monthly.
8. This committee to be a standing committee for the year, to work out any change that may be necessary. (This new plan to take the place of the old one, that is, disregard all past plans and use the ones stated above.)

In the past some of the churches have failed to make their monthly reports to the state Sunday School and Y. P. E. superintendents. This committee insists that each church please report each month in the future. Let's all work together. May the Lord bless each one of you. The committee is G. R. Watson, chairman, J. P. Green, secretary, Graham Oglesby, J. L. McCoy, H. O. Harris, S. G. Brock, Robt. Bell.—G. R. Watson, 391 14th St., N. W., Atlanta, Ga.

#### Missions

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He can hold the people. With some training he can become a power for God. Our plea is, "Lord, use him." Will you join in this our cry? It would take but little to train him as a worker. It is my belief, after twenty-four days of careful watching, that he will make good his promise to God, and there still will come deeper love, higher joy, greater helpfulness, and a warmer zeal for souls. His life will be hid with Christ in God, where it is safe from the old devil's touch (1 John 5:18), and where divine life is ever springing up. We have the answer in John 4:14. Read it. Such a man, in my belief, is Joh Fuh Loo. We believe the Holy Spirit has set before him the more excellent way, and trust that he will walk therein. Pray for him and if God speaks to your heart to help him, do so. He will reward you. Also let me whisper, we are in need of more Bibles. The call for the Word of God is almost a daily recurrence. The people are too poor to buy them. Many have no food. We do not know what there is before us, but as long as we are able to help, let's do it in the name of the Lord. It will bring its own reward.

We received many interesting reports in July. All of our churches and outstations report victory. Souls are getting saved and there is a great hunger for the gospel. Many are looking to you to send a man or woman who is able to tell them more of Jesus. Beloved, can you say "No"? Never before was the call to prayer more urgent and insistent than now. Pray for Japan, pray for China, pray for the soldiers of both sides. Many a mother's son has gone never to return. Did you ever ask, what about their soul? Let me say to you, they afford a great opportunity of preaching the full and glorious gospel of God's love for sinners in Christ Jesus. Dearly beloved friends and coworkers, our hearts should be filled with growing concern for the multitudes of heathen that pass out of life without Christ. Shall we fail Him who said, "Go ye into all the world and preach the gospel"?

At all times we pray that His richest blessings may rest upon you, and that

God's leading hand may guide you. We desire to warmly thank those who pray for us, and those who so kindly send offerings and gifts for the upkeep and extension of our activities, which surely were never more needed than in these days.

### Christians, Please Keep the Victory

About nine years ago I went to a brush arbor, holiness meeting. Brother I. T. Williams did the preaching. I never knew much about holiness at that time, but, praise God, I know what it means to me now.

My husband and I went out to hear the singing, but that night God wonderfully worked with my heart. I stayed to hear the preaching. When Brother Williams gave the altar call I felt that I must go. I knew my husband would not let me go because he was an unbeliever, although I asked him. I looked at him with pity on my face. He looked at me while God talked to his heart and said I could go. I was so afraid he would change his mind I made it to the altar. I cried and prayed for a week. God gave me the Holy Ghost.

I soon backslid, stayed back about sev-

en years. God still talked to my heart. I would not give up the world. Sickness began to come in my home. My husband was taken down. I had to work for a while to earn bread for my two children and him. Then I was taken down and had to go to the hospital. I had a serious operation. It looked like I would die. They would not give me any water only about one teaspoonful about every four hours. My lips parched and peeled off. I was tormented. I told my husband it was a little taste of hell. Friends, it is awful to

fall into the hands of a living God.

I got well and still went on in sin. My husband was taken down again. I had to put his clothes on him. I took care of him as if he were a baby. It was bad at that time, but praise God for it all,—I turned to the Lord. God healed him. He is a well man today. God gave me the Holy Ghost and is blessing me every day. My home is so happy. Please pray for me that I will get close to the Lord. Pray for my lost husband.—Mrs. T. J. Hayes, Lake Placid, Fla.

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